

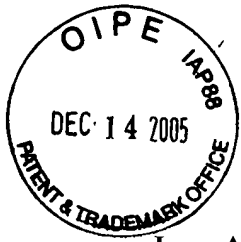


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 0040-8			
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/806,838		FILING DATE: Simon P. Bush et al.		EXAMINER: March 23, 2004		GROUP ART UNIT: 2883	
INVENTION: LOW PROFILE SPLICING STAGE FOR OPTICAL FIBER WAVEGUIDES							
INVENTOR(s): Simon P. Bush et al.							
TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS	22	0	X \$25	0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	0	X \$100	0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0.00	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Simon P. Bush et al.	Group Art Unit:	2883
Serial No.:	10/806,838	Examiner:	Kaveh C. Kianni
Filed:	March 23, 2004		
For:	Low Profile Splicing Stage For Optical Fiber Waveguides		
Docket No.:	0040-8		

Bedminster, NJ 07921
December 12, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005, kindly amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.